

Westwood Environmental Advisory Committee

Wednesday Feb 22, 2012

Approved Minutes



Attending: Chris Balfe, Kevin Brennan, Gregory Mountain
(*Sec'y*), Connor Odell, Michael Pessolano
(*Acting Chair*), Yash Risbud

Regrets: Christine Blaney, Michael Ruane, John Sciara

Pessolano called mtg to order at 7:38pm

Minutes of previous mtg corrected, approved + seconded

Rain Barrels (Odell)

at High School

HS has 2 barrels of its own

1 Town barrel delivered by Rick Woods

but not yet on display

sitting in inner courtyard waiting connection to diverted downspouts

challenge = roof drains to exterior of building, not inwards to courtyard

Pessolano encourages HS build model/diorama showing barrel assembly/use

Rutgers Agricultural Experiment Station, [Extension Services](#)

mission = provide public education wrt public health + sustainability

upcoming rain barrel workshop thru Middlesex Cty Extension Svc

New Brunswick, Mar7 6:30pm, registration required

'Train the Trainer Workshop' in assembling, using rain barrels

Odell seeks financial support from HS, other students in Env Club to attend

Mountain offered transportation to Odell + others, and will attend

Turbine Project (Risbud)

Risbud spoke on phone with Chris Jones (DEP)

floodplain rules if firmly enforced would prohibit installation in floodway

USGS could allow under Permit By Rule #8 if specific turbine device is defined + reviewed

Risbud said this could enable location where needed: at based of falls, center stream

Risbud noted project envisioned WW would be 1 of many towns with trial installations

Sustainability (Pessolano)

all consider magnetic calendar showing recycling schedule worth pursuing

Balfe suggests next step is to locate printer

Pessolano to email Ruane to initiate the search

'Westwood's Biggest Loser' needs to begin

Balfe moved, Risbud seconded, that Ruane appoint 3-person managing committee

EnCom suggests Sciara examine ways to promote contest with Chamber of Commerce

Next mtg: Mar 19

Mtg. adjourned at 8:55pm